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### *Handloom delegation*

* 186 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 67 on 23rd February 1962—

(*a*) whether the report of the Handloom Delegation to the Far East has been examined by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) This Government have passed orders on those recommendations of the delegation on which action on their part was indicated. The recommendations on which action was required to be taken by the All-India Handloom Board and the Government of India have been communicated to them. The Government of India have communicated their decisions. Statements[a] showing the action taken by this Government and by the Government of India and All-India Handloom Board on the recommendations are placed on the table of the House.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, under action taken against item (2), it is stated that the Government have decided that there is no need at present for setting up the consultative body. What difficulty is there to set up an honorary consultative body?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, there is already a State Handloom Board consisting of all the representatives of the handloom interest. Therefore, there is no need to multiply these organizations.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, in the present Handloom Board, I think there is no representation for the exporters of handloom fabrics and the delegation has gone only to explore markets for exportable varieties. Is it not necessary to have another body or should not some more members be co-opted who are interested in exports?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the Government do not think that there is any need for another body. But if the hon. Member would make out a case for inclusion of some more interests in the State Handloom Advisory Board, Government will consider that question.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, with regard to recommendation (4), may I know whether the garment manufacturing unit has come into existence?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Not yet, Sir.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 625-628.